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## MISS MABLE HODGE USES REVOLVER

WHEN NEGROES ATTEMPT TO  
ENTER ROOM THROUGH WIN-  
DOW—MEN ARRESTED.

James Mouzon and Henry Wood, young negro men were arrested and lodged in jail here yesterday morning by Sheriff Gamble for alleged house-breaking and larceny. Tuesday night about 11 o'clock the sheriff received a phone call to come to the home of F. H. Hodge. The call came from the home of Mr. J. E. Baker, a near neighbor of Mr. Hodge, and where Miss Mabel Hodge had gone after the negroes are alleged to have ransacked the Hodge home.

The facts in the case so far developed are in effect that Mr. Hodge was with a party on the river at a fish supper Tuesday night. Mrs. Hodge is ill in the hospital and Miss Hodge was at home alone. She had retired to her room which she had locked. She heard some one in the house but did not leave her room, finally the burglars came to the door of her room and attempted to open it, failing they tried to unlock it with a key but could not insert the key from the outside as Miss Hodge had left the key in the lock when she locked her room from the inside. Not satisfied at thus being foiled the men went outside and attempted to enter the room through the window and were tearing out the screen when Miss Hodge fired several shots through the window from an automatic revolver. The men were frightened off the premises and then the young lady left the house and went to the home of Mr. Baker about half mile distant, where a telephone call was sent in to Sheriff Gamble. The sheriff and his deputy responded promptly and took up the trail of the culprits which led to the home of the Rev. Harry Pressley on the Kingstree-Manning road about four miles from this place and an equal distance from the Hodge home on the Greelyville road.

About daylight yesterday morning Sheriff Gamble called at the Pressley home for the negro, James Mouzon, who he took into custody, although he denied having been absent from home during the night. The other negro, Henry Wood, works for Mr. Hodge, having been in his employ for a number of years. He also was taken into custody by the sheriff when he appeared at the Hodge home to go to work early yesterday morning. When the two men were brought face to face with each other and shown the tracks made by the shoes they were then wearing, they confessed that they had entered the Hodge home about 11 o'clock the night before and were frustrated from entering the room of Miss Hodge, through the window, by being shot at from the inside by Miss Mabel Hodge.

Miss Hodge is being justly praised by citizens hereabouts for her bravery and some express regret that the shots fired by her did not have a mortal effect upon the would-be intruders.

## MR. JAMES R. HOLLEMAN

Passed Away Suddenly Monday at  
Greelyville.

The announcement of the death of Mr. James R. Holleman, at Greelyville Monday night, came as a shock yesterday to a wide circle of friends. The deceased was for about eighteen years engaged in the sale of pianos and sewing machines on King street. He was on a visit to his brother in Greelyville when he was claimed by death.

In latter years Mr. Holleman had been engaged in the real estate business and was known as one of a sunny disposition and always possessing a kind word for all. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.—Charleston News and Courier.

## Legion Auxiliary Request Magazines.

### Attention Magazine Readers:

When you have finished reading your magazines, kindly deliver any number of them which you may feel disposed to part with to the American Legion Hall, over the Wee Wee Bank, Kingstree, S. C., from whence they will be forwarded to Chick Springs for the disabled World War veterans.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Benton Montgomery,  
Chairman Publicity Committee.

## Greelyville School Notes.

Greelyville, Oct. 10.—On last Friday evening the teachers of the Greelyville high school and several persons in town gave a play entitled "The Spinners' Club." The school auditorium was well filled. The amount realized from this was over forty dollars.

The number of pupils enrolled to date in the Greelyville high school is one hundred and ninety-two. This is an increase of about thirty-five over the enrollment of last year.

It has been arranged that on each Friday morning one grade may give a program in the auditorium at the opening period. The pupils are taking great interest in this. The tenth and eleventh grades have already conducted these exercises at which times many visitors were present.

Miss Juanita Neely, the state organizer of poultry clubs, will meet with the Greelyville Poultry club Tuesday, October 10 at four o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association at the school building Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. At this time the teachers will serve refreshments.

The following is the program:

Music.....Dorothy Fair  
Reading.....Helen Allen  
Music.....Dorothy Fair and Wylma Mishoe.

Recitation.....Alma Cook  
Talks on "School Hygiene"—S. P. Stackley and Miss Effie Chandler.

Mr. Garriss, assistant state agricultural inspector, visited the school October 9.

The following is the honor roll for the school for the first month:

First grade—Annie Ard, Nautie Ard, James Prowder, Vermell Browder, Etta Frierson, Coley Gamble, Buster Hogan, Florie Hogan, Fred Joseph, Ruby Mixon, Ned Montgomery, George Salley, Samuel Taylor, Mary Touchberry, and David Sports.  
Second grade—Ethan Allen, 95%; Clytton Hughes, 94%; Beckman Guess, 92%; Evelyn Hair, 96%; Eula Lee Bradshaw, 91%; Hartwell Brunson, 91%; Thomas Sports, 94%; Eula Mae Chearning, 91%; Julius Powell, 92.

Third grade—Lucille Alsbrook, 96; Helen Rhodus, 95; Willie Blackwell, 94; Joe Joseph, 94; Billy Fair, 93; Imogene Graham, 93; Miller Montgomery, 93; Thompson Montgomery, 92.

Fifth grade—Cassie Dean Graham, 96; Rebecca Salley, 95.

Sixth grade—Wylma Mishoe, 93; Patty Hair, 93; Mildred Blackwell, 96; William Touchberry, 95; Franklin Montgomery, 90; Piccola Guess, 93; Jodie Boyle, 93; William Allen, 92.

Seventh grade—Virginia Touchberry, 98.

Eighth grade—Evelyn Boyd, 92; Emily Clarkson, 92; Dorothy Fair, 92.

Ninth grade—Mattie Clarkson, 91.

Tenth grade—Myrtle Mishoe, 93.

Eleventh grade—DeHon Clarkson, 92; Mary Clarkson, 94; Edelyn Montgomery, 92.

## Drainage Contract Let and Bonds Sold

The contract was let here last week for the construction of drainage canals by the commissioners of the Kingstree Drainage District, of which Mr. W. E. Nesmith is chairman. The contract was awarded to E. J. Doan, of Mason, Mich., he being the lowest bidder among the number submitting bids on the project. The price bid by Mr. Doan was 12 cents the cubic yard and it is estimated that the work will cost approximately \$150,000.

At the same time the contract was let for the drainage work the bonds for carrying the work through were also sold to a firm in Toledo, Ohio, at a very satisfactory price, amounting to \$190,000. The work is to be commenced at once, or as soon as the successful bidder can get his machinery and working force on the ground.

## Recent Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O'Bryan on September 11, 1922, a son, J. D. O'Bryan, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Godwin, on September 9, 1922, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hay McClary, on September 11, 1922, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. O'Connell, on October 6, 1922, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Burgess, on September 23, 1922, a daughter.

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## COUPLE SHOT BY MISTAKE, SAYS BOY

BULLETS MEANT FOR PEARL  
BAHMER AND HER STEP-  
FATHER.

New Brunswick, Oct. 9.—Clifford Hays, nineteen, was held incommunicado in the Somerset county jail tonight on a warrant charging him with the first degree murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, September 14.

Authorities have not revealed any evidence which would show a logical motive for his alleged act.

Raymond Schneider, twenty-two, caused Hays' arrest. Hays, he said, thought he was shooting fifteen-year-old Pearl Bahmer and her step-father, Nicholas Bahmer.

But the only motive he advanced was a sort of quixotism on Hays' part—a desire to right supposed wrong done a friend. Hays' retort was that Schneider was "a damned liar." He admitted going with Schneider to the deserted Phillips farm, where the bodies were found, in search of Pearl Bahmer and her step-father.

They heard shots and screams, he said, and ran toward the crab apple tree whence the shots seemed to come, observing an automobile dash away as they ran.

Beneath the tree, he declared, they found the minister and the choir singer dead and—he added—Schneider bent down and stole the minister's watch.

Accuses Hays of Theft.

This Schneider denied during the all night grilling to which both youths were subjected. Schneider, in turn, accused Hays of having committed the theft.

Schneider's story is that neither he nor Hays touched the bodies, except for the filching of the watch—of which he accused Hays.

It has been established, however, by a belated autopsy that Mrs. Mill's throat was cut from ear to ear, and her head almost severed. Schneider could not explain this.

Neither could he explain how the bodies came to be laid out side by side as if for burial.

He was also unsatisfactory as to how the letters written by Mrs. Mills to the minister came to be scattered about the scene—or who propped one of the minister's cards against the sole of his shoes, as if to make sure of identification. His account does tally with the first statement attributed to Mrs. Hall after the murders were discovered—that her theory of the double slaying was "mistaken identity."

This statement later was repudiated by Miss Galley Peters, confidante of Mrs. Hall.

Authorities Still Working.

Although they expressed confidence that the case had been practically solved, the authorities were still hard at work tonight trying to reconcile all the tangled skein of evidence in Schneider's story—or to batter him down to further admissions which would make his story more plausible.

Schneider's story—as much as she could have been expected to know—was corroborated by Pearl Bahmer.

On the night of September 14, she said, she was out with Schneider, remaining until 9 o'clock. When she returned home, she continued, she found her step-father on the porch, intoxicated, and consented to go with him while he attempted to "walk off" the effect of his drinking. They passed Schneider, Hays and Leo Kauffman on a street corner, she said, and the three youths followed them. After they had walked some distance, she said, she became tired and wanted to return home, but her step-father seized her by the arm and insisted that she continue. She began to cry, she said, and the trio rushed up, Schneider doffing his coat and expressing his determination to beat Bahmer.

Step-Father Returns Home.

The encounter ended without blows, however, she said, and she and her step-father returned home.

Schneider's story tallies with hers perfectly up to this point, except that Schneider said Pearl and Bahmer walked on toward the Phillips farm.

Kauffman left them then, he said, but he and Hays determined to follow on, Hays showing him a 32-caliber pistol and assuring him there was no danger, suddenly, he said, they saw a couple beneath the crab apple tree and Hays whipped out his pistol and began firing, exclaiming:

## HEYWARD NETTLES ACCIDENTLY KILLED

WAS ON HUNTING AND FISHING  
TRIP ON BLACK RIVER  
NEAR HERE.

Heyward Nettles, son of R. M. Nettles, who lives about three miles from Florence on the Florence-Darlington road, was accidentally shot and killed about 8:30 o'clock Friday night while on a fishing and hunting trip on Black river near Kingstree, with his father and H. B. Goodson. The young man, who was just 21 years of age, received the entire load of No. 5 shot from a pump gun in his right arm and side, and died within ten minutes.

According to Mr. Goodson, the party had just come in from the river and it was raining. Mr. Nettles had taken the guns from the tent in which they slept at night and presumably was putting them in the automobile when the accident occurred, there being no eye-witnesses to the tragedy. It is presumed that he had the gun by the barrel with his right hand, and was putting it in the car when it fired.

Mr. Goodson who was in the tent at the time, stated he heard the gun fire but thought it had been discharged on purpose until the young man staggered into the tent, holding his right arm about his head and crying out that he had been shot in the side. Almost immediately he sank to the ground and expired within a very few minutes.

The body was immediately taken to the home of Mr. Chandler, who lived a short distance away, and from there it was brought to Kingstree, where it was later shipped to Florence. The body was taken to the home of Mrs. C. F. Middleton at 10 North Harrell street.

Funeral services and interment took place at Mt. Hope cemetery Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Dr. H. Tucker Graham, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating.

The death of the young man, who was very popular, was a shock to his many relatives and friends in Florence and the neighborhood in which he lived. Besides his father, the deceased is survived by the following brothers and sisters: William, Emmett, Louis, Harry Lee, Lawrence and Robert Nettles; Misses Louise, Eugenie and Mildred Nettles.—Florence Daily Times.

Mr. Nettles and his party had spent several days at Simms Reach bridge and were breaking camp preparatory to leaving for home when the accident happened.

The body of the young man was taken in charge by Undertaker Stackley of the Kingstree Hardware Company and prepared for shipment to Florence Saturday.

Heyward Nettles was a nephew of the late Mrs. B. W. Butler, formerly of this place.

A termite is causing serious damage to lead-covered cable at the locks of the Panama Canal. These termites work through the lead causing large openings. They then travel between the two wires of the duplex cable, eating the lead insulation.

"There they are—I'll fix them."

After the struggles of the pair beneath the tree were stilled, he said, he stole forward, struck a match and cried to Hays:

"My God, man, you've made a terrible mistake."

Hays then snatched the minister's watch and they both fled, he declared.

Took Pearl to the Scene.

Schneider was quoted as telling the authorities he had taken Pearl to the scene on Saturday—two days after the shooting—partly out of morbid curiosity and partly because he wanted to show her how nearly she had come to being slain for her walk with her step-father.

It was Schneider and Pearl who first "discovered" the bodies and notified the police.

"Raymond saw me Saturday and insisted that we take a walk," she said. "He took me up in the lane. It was the first time we had ever been up that way. We sat down in the grass near the apple tree to talk. I looked over and saw the bodies and said to Raymond, 'there are two people lying down.'"

"Why don't you attend to your own business," he replied.

"Then I walked over and saw they were all bloody and ran away frightened. Then we told a policeman."

## William Hubert Funk Passes.

William Hubert Funk, age twenty-three years, died at 10:25 o'clock Monday morning at the home of his brother, Mr. Marion Funk on Mill street, cause of death being attributed to chronic nephritis and apoplexy. The young man came here with his mother Friday morning last and was under the care of a local physician until the end came.

Mr. Funk is said to have contracted the disease some years ago while at Camp Jackson as a soldier in training for overseas service. After being discharged he spent some time seeking relief from the disease in sanitariums, but was finally advised that his case was incurable.

Hubert Funk was born in Kingstree on February 11, 1899 and was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Funk former residents of this place but now of St. Stephens. As a mere lad Hubert was full of energy and possessed of unusual business qualifications. In recent years he took up the shoe repairing business and at the time of his death was operating successfully two large shops, one in Columbia and one in Charleston, the latter equipped with the machinery and appliances he used here for a short time. He had made his home in the latter city the past year and a half.

The body was prepared for burial by Undertaker Stackley of the Kingstree Hardware Company and taken to St. Stephens on the noonday train Tuesday for interment. Besides his parents the young man is survived by a number of brothers and sisters who were here Monday to accompany the remains to St. Stephens.

Those from Kingstree accompanying the body to St. Stephens were: Messrs M. A. Ross, L. S. Dennis, Oscar Dennis, S. J. Deery, R. K. Wallace, R. M. Hare, Geo. Dallas, S. C. Anderson and Dr. LeRoy Cates.

## List of Jurors.

The fall term of the sessions court will convene here Monday, October 23. The following are the jurors drawn by the jury commission to serve during the term.

W. L. McDaniel, Hemingway, R. F. D.  
S. P. Cooper, Suttons.  
A. L. Scott, Kingstree.  
H. L. DuBose, Kingstree.  
T. L. Joy, Kingstree.  
A. L. Burgess, Kingstree.  
H. T. McClary, Kingstree, Rt. 2.  
H. O. Smith, Kingstree, Rt. 1.  
W. A. Fitch, Lake City, R. F. D.  
R. Z. Vause, Kingstree.  
W. J. Flowers, Trio, R. F. D.  
R. K. Johnson, Hemingway, R. F. D.  
G. E. Hill, Lake City, R. F. D.  
R. B. Tanner, Hemingway, R. F. D.  
J. D. Barrineau, Kingstree, Rt. 1.  
J. B. Wallace, Cades.  
J. A. McClary, Lanes.  
H. H. Parnell, Hemingway, R. F. D.  
H. J. McFadden, Cades.  
E. R. Rowell, Trio.  
D. M. Young, Kingstree, Rt. 2.  
S. D. Cunningham, Nesmith, R. F. D.  
H. E. Alsbrook, Suttons.  
L. D. Smith, Andrews, R. F. D.  
B. A. Boyle, Greelyville.  
R. F. Epps, Cades.  
J. E. Brown, Kingstree, Rt. 1.  
S. L. Parsons, Suttons.  
I. C. Player, Greelyville, R. F. D.  
V. L. Arnette, Cades.  
Paul Gilmore, Kingstree.  
D. F. Ward, Kingstree, Rt. 1.  
C. F. Stuckey, Lake City, R. F. D.  
G. B. Eaddy, Hemingway.  
S. K. Mouzon, Kingstree, Rt. 2.  
H. O. Pipkin, Andrews, R. F. D.

## Mob Violence in Florence County.

While he was returning to Florence in an automobile last Thursday night, F. W. Brown was attacked by a dozen or more masked men who dragged him from his car into a thicket and beat him severely about the head. Brown also stated that the men tried to force him to sign a paper promising that he would not open up business in Florence but he refused. Two men who were with Brown were forced to leave the scene by the mob. Brown's scalp bore marks of the beating. Sheriff Burch sent deputies to the place described by Brown. They found a mask and a hat. Brown declares he recognized some of the men even with their masks.

In importations of pure-bred animals, by the United States, during the last fiscal year, foxes stood at the top in numbers, with dairy cattle and dogs next in order. Of a total of 2,639, there were 967 foxes, all from Canada.

## RECORD RECEIPTS AS CO-OPS OPEN

NINE MILLION POUNDS SAID TO  
HAVE BEEN MARKETED  
LAST WEEK.

It is reported by the Cooperative Marketing Association that 9,000,000 pounds of tobacco from the organized growers of North Carolina and Virginia alone poured into association warehouses last week. Members of the cooperative in North Carolina delivered 6,000,000 pounds of tobacco—4,500,000 pounds in the old belt and central markets and 1,500,000 pounds in Eastern North Carolina.

The Virginia growers placed 3,250,000 pounds of the weed on 18 cooperative floors within four days time. All the tobacco of 34 grades delivered on the opening day to 24 cooperative markets of the old belt were sold to leading manufacturers before the sun had set on the first day of cooperative marketing in Western Carolina and Virginia. Other heavy orders have reached the association since the opening of the old belt markets and according to Richard R. Patterson, manager of the leaf department, the association is selling at figures which are highly satisfactory as compared to the average prices on the auction floors.

Local organizations of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association are increasing in number throughout Eastern North Carolina and at a series of meetings held last week throughout the Eastern belt association members pledged their support in reporting any cases of contract breaking on the part of local warehousemen or growers in their district.

Funds are being forwarded from the Richmond office of the tobacco cooperative to the friendly banks of South Carolina, which have become its depositories, and the second cash advance will be paid to the South Carolina growers in the near future according to recent advices from the Richmond offices of the association.

## Colored Man Drops Dead in Church.

Henry Darby, a respected colored citizen of the Central community dropped dead Sunday in a colored church or meeting house situated on the Bloomingdale road near Mr. Dick Kellahan's place. Darby had just completed a fervent prayer and as the congregation rose from its kneeling position he started a hymn and collapsed before he had completed the first verse. Death was instantaneous. The congregation became frightened and insisted that an inquest be held. Coroner Brown and Sheriff Gamble were summoned to the scene and the necessary formalities were carried out.

## Honor Roll, Wittee School, Suttons.

Grade VIII—Derrick Altman, Isla Byrdie, Pauline Cooper.  
Grade VII—Nettie Norton.  
Grade VI—Ellen Altman, Bertie Broach, Flossie Walters.  
Grade V—Warren Broach.  
Grade IV—Fannie Belle Blakely, Emmie Parsons, Nell Cooper.  
Grade III—Maggie Altman, Laurie Blakely, Tommie Broach, Troy Gamble, Odie Norton.  
Grade II—Nettie Altman, Manning Blakely, Paul Byrdie, Hazel Eagerton, Iva Gamble.  
Grade I—Ermon Broach.

## Mower Gets Big Rattler.

One day last week while Mr. J. E. Brown was cutting hay with his mowing machine he discovered an unusual commotion in the fallen grass and stopping his machine discovered that the blade had come in contact with a large rattlesnake and clipped its lower jaw off. The snake had fifteen rattles and a button which indicated that the reptile was well into its sixteenth year.

## NOTICE.

All persons are hereby warned that the Ordinance of the Town of Kingstree relative to the running of automobiles without cut-outs open or with defective mufflers will be strictly enforced.

H. U. KINDER,  
Chief of Police.